

## 2008 California State Fair



The Department of Water Resources presents **California's World Class Delta** at the California State Fair 2008. Murals, ponds, plants, live animals and engaging activities bring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to life in a 6000 sq ft exhibit housed in the California Building.

The Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta is the largest estuary in the western United States that supports about 350 native plant and animal species while serving as the most important source of the state's water for both cities and farms. Unfortunately, the Delta is in crisis. Native fish populations are in decline, invasive species are multiplying, and the state's water supply is threatened.

The DWR exhibit introduces fairgoers to every aspect of the Delta region including community, tourism, history, agriculture, ecosystem, water supply, and flood control.

Visitors will experience the look and feel of a Delta town at the bait and tackle shop, learn about levees and what may cause them to fail, participate in hands on activities that teach how water is shared for urban, agricultural and environmental needs, and explore the issues that threaten the future sustainability of the Delta.

Children's activities include a large coloring wall, a marble maze game that demonstrates fish migration, puzzle cubes, and a water conservation board game.

The center stage will feature daily presentations on issues that impact the Delta. The lively performances include a Delta Quiz game show, and regularly scheduled live reptile shows.

The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day, and from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The runs from August 15 - September 1.

